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C O N F I D E N T I A L LAGOS 10286

FOR AF/W R. KOTT

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: EAIR, NI
SUBJECT: NIGERIAN AIRWAYS (WT) LATE COMPLIANCE WITH FAA REGULATIONS

REF: STATE 210949

1. SUMMARY: WT NEW YORK (NY) FLIGHT HAD DEPARTED BEFORE RECEIPT OF REFTEL. SCHEDULED TO LAND NY 5 A.M. EST AND RETURN 4 P.M. EST AUGUST 19. EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT IMMEDIATELY SEEK TO STOP FAA FROM ISSUING RESTRAINING ORDER AGAINST WT RETURN FLIGHT FOR LATE COMPLIANCE WITH FAA REGS. END SUMMARY.

2. LEGAL ADVISOR OSHIKOYA TOLD EMBOFF MORNING AUGUST 19 THAT AFTER BEING INFORMED OF WT NON-COMPLIANCE IN MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK HE CABLED TO HIS NY OFFICE WITH INSTRUCTIONS TO FILE IMMEDIATELY. WT NY SAID THAT FAILURE TO COMPLY WAS DUE TO AGENTS BRITISH AIRWAYS BUT THAT BOTH WOULD NEED TIME TO RECONSTRUCT DOCUMENTS NECESSARY TO FILE APPLICATION FOR OPERATING SPECIFICATIONS. THIS LED TO FILING LATE ON AUGUST 18 AS REPORTED REFTEL.

3. OSHIKOYA PLEADED THAT RESTRAINING ORDER NOT BE ISSUED. HE
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EVEN SUGGESTED THAT FAA MAY WISH TO CONSIDER ALTERNATIVE OF ASSESSING PENALTY. MANAGING DIRECTOR PAUL THAHAL STATED THAT HE WOULD TRY TO GET INTO DIRECT CONTACT WITH WT BUT PLEADED THAT DEPARTMENT SHOULD REASON WITH FAA THAT APPLICATION HAS BEEN SUBMITTED AND THEREFORE FAA SHOULD NOT PREVENT WT FLIGHT FROM LEAVING NEW YORK. HE MAINTAINED THAT NEWS OF BLOCKING FLIGHT WILL SPREAD THROUGHOUT GOVERNMENT, PAPERS AND PUBLIC AND WILL

DAMAGE US-NIGERIAN RELATIONS.

AFX ACTION REQUESTED: WITHOUT TRYING TO ASSESS CULPABILITY OF
WT AND WITHOUT PLACING TOO MUCH EMPHASIS ON THAHAL'S LAST REMARK,
WHICH WAS ACTUALLY DELIVERED IN QUITE A DETACHED MANNER,
EMBASSY RECOMMENDS THAT DEPARTMENT INTERVENE FORCEFULLY AND
IMMEDIATELY WITH FAA ON BEHALF OF UNINTERRUPTED OPERATION BY
WT. FAA ACTION WOULD SURELY SOUR WT MANAGEMENT'S PERCEPTION
OF U.S. AS THEY MAKE DECISIONS ON \$200-400 MILLION 747 AIRPORT
MAINTENANCE COMPLEX IN AUGUST AND POSSIBILITY OF PAN AM 747
SERVICE TO LAGOS IN DECEMBER.

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